

Last Minute Memorandum

To: STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Date: May 6, 2003

From: Sue Stickel, Deputy Superintendent

Re: ITEM # 13

**Subject HIGH PRIORITY SCHOOLS GRANT PROGRAM – NEW
IMPLEMENTATION GRANT AWARDS**

The green Supplemental Memorandum for Item 13 identified two lists of schools as eligible to participate in the High Priority Schools Grant Program (HPSGP). The first list consisted of 52 schools with API scores between 501 and 521. Funding them will require \$17.4 million. The second list identified five schools with identical API scores of 522. Funding all five would require an additional \$1.7 million, which is more than the \$18.7 million available to fund new HPSGP schools.

Staff contacted all 57 schools with API scores of 522 and below to ensure that they agreed to the conditions specified by the grant and that they still wished to participate in HPSGP. All 57 schools affirmed their commitment to the program. Unable to fund all of the five schools with API scores of 522, staff subsequently ranked the schools based on the amount of progress each made with respect to its schoolwide API growth from October 2001 to October 2002 (see chart below).

In keeping with the spirit of the legislation, which places lowest performing schools in highest need, staff recommends funding Vejar Elementary, Rio Tierra Junior High, Beachy Avenue Elementary, and Norwood Street Elementary -- the four schools demonstrating the least significant API growth from 2001-2002.

The total to fund all 56 schools is \$18,674,000, which does not exceed \$18.7 million.

CDS	COUNTY	DISTRICT	SCHOOL	API01g (Oct 2001)	API02g (Oct 2002)
19649076108914	Los Angeles	Pomona Unified	Vejar Elementary	522	520
34673636059265	Sacramento	Grant Joint Union High	Rio Tierra Junior High	522	554
19647336015978	Los Angeles	Los Angeles Unified	Beachy Avenue Elementary	522	575
19647336018436	Los Angeles	Los Angeles Unified	Norwood Street Elementary	522	578
19647336017446	Los Angeles	Los Angeles Unified	Hammel Street Elementary	522	581

If additional state funds become available the Department will recommend approval of additional schools by continuing upward on the API list, starting with Hammel Street Elementary School.